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**Additional Statements:** Pages S1709–13

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1713.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the current Federal crop insurance program and proposals to improve the system, after receiving testimony from Representatives Pomeroy and Collin Peterson; Dallas R. Smith, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, on behalf of the Risk Management Agency; Ernest L. Ross, American Association of Crop Insurers, Washington, D.C.; Robert E. Fulwider, West Liberty, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America and the National Association of Crop Insurance Agents; Dee Vaughan, Lone Star Corn Growers Association, Dumas, Texas, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association and the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Phil Cyre, South Dakota Farmers Union, Hazel, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for military construction programs, focusing on Air Force and Navy projects, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Rear Adm. David Nash, Chief, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Brig. Gen. James M. Hayes, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), United States Marine Corps; Rear Adm. John B. Totushek, Deputy Director of Naval Reserve; Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment); Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff, Installations and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Director,

Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clem, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Yvette Jackson, Administrator, and Ronald J. Vogel, Associate Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, both of the Food and Nutrition Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

### CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON THE INTERNET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded hearings to review the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on-line investigation into the scope of child pornography and sexual exploitation of children on the Internet and to examine whether additional funding is necessary to continue the project, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DOE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research, both of the Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 26.

### APPROPRIATIONS—HHS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

**MEDICARE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine the status of the Health Care Financing Administration's efforts to establish resource-based practice expenses under the Medicare physician fee schedule as directed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Neil H. Brooks, Rockville, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Arthur L. Day, University of Florida, Gainesville, on behalf of the Practice Expense Coalition; Timothy J. Gardner, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, on behalf of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery; and Alan R. Nelson, American Society of Internal Medicine, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on littoral warfare missions in the 21st century, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources; Major Gen. Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Director Expeditionary Warfare; Rear Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., USN, Director, Surface Warfare; Rear Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Director, Submarine Warfare; and Rear Adm. Dennis V. McGinn, USN, Director, Air Warfare.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

**FINANCIAL REGULATORY RELIEF**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1405, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, and to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure, after receiving testimony from Laurence H. Meyer, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Utah Commissioner of Financial Institutions G. Edward Leary, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; Stephen A. Yoder,

AmSouth Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; E. Lee Beard, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hazleton, Hazleton, Pennsylvania; and Joseph S. Bracewell, Century National Bank, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America, Margot Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Frank C. Torres, III, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, and Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; Robert J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, John Charles Horsley, of Washington, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Christy Carpenter, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Swindle was introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka, Mr. Thompson was introduced by Representative Nadler, Ms. Carpenter was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Boxer, Mr. Horsley was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray and Representative Dicks, and Mr. Shapiro was introduced by Senators Lieberman and Moynihan.

**MONTAGNARD PEOPLE IN VIETNAM**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the current situation confronting the Montagnard people in Vietnam, including their limited access to medical care and education, focusing on the United States historical relationship with the Montagnards, and immigration difficulties experienced by the Montagnards and other Vietnamese refugees, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Julia Taft, Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, both of the Department of State; John F. Sommer, Jr., American Legion, Washington, D.C.; Nguyen Dinh Thang, Boat People S.O.S., Fairfax, Virginia; Rong Nay, Montagnard Foundation, Inc., Cary, North Carolina; and Y Hin Nie, Montagnard Dega Association, Inc., Greensboro, North Carolina.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 981, to provide for the analysis of regulatory rules by Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, with an amendment.

### U.S. MARSHALS SELECTION PROCESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the need to develop a competitive selection process for the United States Marshals Service, and a related measure H.R. 927, to provide

for appointment of United States Marshals by the U.S. Attorney General, after receiving testimony from Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, Henry E. Hudson, former Director, and Nancy J. McGillivray-Shaffer, United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, Boston, all of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice; Victor Oboyski, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, East Northport, New York; and Steve Young, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 3409–3432; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 239, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2883, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports, amended (H. Rept. 105–429);

H. Res. 382, providing for consideration of H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle (H. Rept. 105–430);

H. Res. 383, providing for consideration of H.R. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa (H. Rept. 105–431); and

Conference Report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–432).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Gulbranson of Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Journal:** By a ye and nay vote of 365 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 40, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March, 9.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and the House recessed at 2:20 and reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

### *Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust:*

H. Con. Res. 206, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 41); and

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***Birth Defects Prevention Act:*** S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects (passed by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 42)—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:49 and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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**Appointment of Conferee:** The Chair removed Representative Leach as a conferee on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and appointed Representative Burton of Indiana to fill the vacancy.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

***Alaska Mineral Resources:*** Message wherein he transmitted the 1996 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources—referred to the Committee on Resources; and

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***Climate Change Programs:*** Message wherein he transmitted an account of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities—referred to the Committees on Science, International Relations, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–226).

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H911.